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1. FOLLOWING THE SEIZURE OF 12.7 TONS OF AFGHAN OPIUM, DIRECTOR INGERSOLL SENT A CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO THE COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE IRANIAN GENDARMERIE. ON 27 FEB IRANIAN SEIZURE STATISTICS WERE FORWARDED TO BNDD HQS SHOWING THAT SINCE DEC 1971 IRANIAN AUTHORITIES HAD SEIZED: 23,287 KG OF OPIUM; 37 KG OF MORPHINE BASE; 36 KG OF HEROIN AND 2, 536 KG OF HASHISH. AS A MISSION SUGGESTION THESE STATISTICS PROMPTED A PRESS RELEASE IN WASHDC IN WHICH CONGRESSMAN HORTON PRAISED THE GOI ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS AND QUOTED PORTIONS OF DIRECTOR INGERSOLL' S MESSAGE TO THE IIG COMMANDING GENERAL. THIS RELEASE WAS PUBLISHED IN TEHRAN ON 25 MARCH.

2. 15-16 MARCH THREE NARCOTIC OFFICERS FROM WEST GERMANY MET WITH GOI ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS AND REPS FROM GENMISH AND BNDD TO DISCUSS THE IRANIAN TIR HASHISH TRAFFIC TO GERMANY. SINCE MAY 1972 TEN IRANIAN TIR TRUCKS AND 5,653 KG OF HASHISH HAVE BEEN SEIZED. EIGHT TRUCKS WERE SEIZED

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IN GERMANY AND AUSTRIA AND TWO IN IRAN.

3. 153 TRAFFICKERS HAVE BEEN EXECUTED IN IRAN SINCE THE 1969 NARCOTICS CONTROL LAWS WERE ENACTED.

4. ON 27 FEB THE DCM, NARCOTIC REPORTING OFFICER AND SAIC ADDRESSED 500 MEMBERS OF THE AMERICANAL) TOKYO 3528, 3/26.

4. SOVIET EXIT TAX STILL IN FORCE

A SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL HAS INDICATED TO EMBASSY MOSCOW THAT HE KNOWS OF NO PLAN TO ABROGATE THE EXIT TAX LAW. THE SOVIET POINTED OUT THAT THE LAW ITSELF DOES PROVIDE FOR EXCEPTIONS. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) MOSCOW 3267, 3/26.

5. KUWAIT MAKES URGENT REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

IN A MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR STOLTZFUS MARCH 26, KUWAITI DEFENSE MINISTER SAAD REQUESTED BROAD- RANGE US MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO BEEF UP KUWAIT' S ARMED FORCES. AMBASSADOR STOLTZFUS SUGGESTED THE DISPATCH OF A COMPREHENSIVE DOD SURVEY TEAM TO DISCUSS THE VARIOUS ITEMS WITH THE KUWAITIS. STOLTZFUS INDICATED THAT THE REQUEST HAS BEEN PENDING FOR SOME TIME AND WAS MOST PROBABLY SHAKEN LOOSE BY THE RECENT KUWAIT- IRAQ CLASH. (SECRET) KUWAIT 943 AND 944, 3/26.

6. OPEC ADJUSTS RATES, STUDIES EXPORT GROWTH

ACCORDING TO THE MIDDLE EAST ECONOMIC SURVEY, THE OPEC MEETINGS IN VIENNA AND BEIRUT DECIDED, UNDER THE TERMS OF THE TEHRAN AGREEMENTS, TO NEGOTIATE AN ADJUSTMENT IN CRUDE OIL PRICES DUE TO THE DOLLAR DEVALUATION. IN SECRET

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DOING SO, OPEC REJECTED AN ALGERIAN PROPOSAL TO SCRAP THE FIVE- YEAR AGREEMENTS BECAUSE OF RISING INFLATION. OPEC WILL STUDY THE LINKING OF GROWTH IN A COUNTRY' S OIL EXPORTS TO ITS ECONOMIC GROWTH. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) BEIRUT 3389, 3/26. ROGERS

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